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MOU WITH CHINA ON BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "India, China sign accords, MoU on Brahmaputra" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated January 15, 2002; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the benefits likely to be accrued to India by signing the accord?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The news-item captioned " India, China sign accords, MoU on Brahmaputra" had appeared in the Times of India dated 15.1.2002.

(b) During the visit of Chinese Premier Zhu Rongjito India in January 2002, an MoU was signed between the Ministry of Water Resources of India and Ministry of Water Resources of China on provision of hydrological information of the Yaluzangbu/Brahmaputra river in flood season by China to India. As per the MoU, China will provide India with information on water level, discharge and rainfall twice a day from June 1 to October 15 each year in respect of three hydrological stations - Nugesha, Yangcun and Nuxia − lying on the mainstream of the Brahmaputra river in China. The Chinese side has also agreed to provide this hydrological information if water level exceeds mutually agreed levels during the non-flood season. China has further agreed to provide information on a real time basis on abnormal rise/fall in the water level/discharge and other information which might lead to sudden floods on the basis of existing monitoring and data collection facilities. The two sides are to conclude an Implementation Plan to implement the understanding reached in the MoU. The above information will be useful in flood forecasting activities on the downstream of Brahmaputra river in India.